

**THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**DOCKET NO. 2021-324-WS**

IN RE: Application of Kiawah Island Utility,                     )  
          Incorporated to File Proposed Changes                 ) **SETTLEMENT TESTIMONY**  
          in Rates, Charges, Classifications                     ) **OF**  
          and/or Regulation for Water and                     ) **BECKY DENNIS**  
          Sewer Service   )

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**Q. WHAT IS YOUR NAME AND POSITION?**

A. My name is Becky Dennis. I am the Director of Operations at Kiawah Island Utility, Inc.  
("KIU").

**Q. ARE YOU THE SAME BECKY DENNIS WHO PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED  
DIRECT AND REBUTTAL TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

A. Yes, I provided direct and rebuttal testimony on behalf of KIU.

**Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

A. I am testifying in support of the Settlement Agreement between KIU, the Office of  
Regulatory Staff, and the Town of Kiawah Island. The Department of Consumer Affairs  
does not object to the settlement.

**Q. ARE THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO KIU'S TARIFFS AND CHARGES  
ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMPANY?**

A. Yes. The settlement tariffs and charges have been agreed to by all parties. It is important  
to KIU that not only the regulator, but also the Town of Kiawah Island, is satisfied with  
the settlement.

**Q. WHAT RATES RESULT FROM THE PARTIES' SETTLEMENT?**

A. The chart below shows the existing rates, the rates proposed in the application, and the estimated settlement rates for the residential customer (final rates will be calculated after the hearing).

<b>KIAWAH ISLAND UTILITY, INC.</b>			
<b>Rate</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Application</b>	<b>Settlement</b>
<b>Water Service Charges</b>			
<b>Base Facilities Charge - Residential</b>			
5/8" meter	\$36.65/mo.	\$42.21/mo.	\$36.65/mo.
3/4" meter	\$54.98/mo.	\$63.33/mo.	\$54.98/mo.
1" meter	\$91.62/mo.	\$105.53/mo.	\$91.62/mo.
1 1/2" meter	\$183.25/mo.	\$211.07/mo.	\$183.25/mo.
2 " meter	\$293.21/mo.	\$337.72/mo.	\$293.21/mo.
3" meter	\$641.40/mo.	\$738.77/mo.	\$641.40/mo.
4" meter	\$1,840.73/mo.	\$2,120.17/mo.	\$1,840.73/mo.
<b>Consumption Charge - Residential</b>			
Consumption up to 11,000 gal. per month	\$4.83/1,000 gal.	\$5.08/1,000 gal.	\$5.36 /1,000 gal.
Consumption 11,000 gal. - 50,000 gal. per month.	\$5.37/1,000 gal.	\$5.65/1,000 gal.	\$5.96 /1,000 gal
Consumption over 50,000 gal. per month.	\$5.71/1,000 gal.	\$6.01/1,000 gal.	\$6.33 /1,000 gal.
<b>Sewer Service Charges</b>			
<b>Base Facilities Charge - Residential</b>			
5/8" meter	\$28.00/mo.	\$30.72/mo.	\$28.00 /mo.
3/4" meter	\$42.00/mo.	\$46.09/mo.	\$42.00/mo.
1" meter	\$69.99/mo.	\$76.80/mo.	\$69.99/mo.
1 1/2" meter	\$139.98/mo.	\$153.60/mo.	\$139.98/mo.
2 " meter	\$223.98/mo.	\$245.77/mo.	\$223.98/mo.
3" meter	\$489.95/mo.	\$537.61/mo.	\$489.95/mo.
4" meter	\$1,514.79/mo.	\$1,662.13/mo.	\$1,514.79/mo.
<b>Consumption Charge - Residential</b>			
Consumption up to 11,000 gal. per month	\$0.74/1,000 gal.	\$0.81/1,000 gal.	\$0.74/1,000 gal.

1 Based on average system usage of 11,000 gallons per month, the resulting average monthly  
2 water bill of \$95.61 represents an increase of \$5.83. Customers will experience no increase  
3 in sewer fees.

4 **Q. WILL THE SETTLEMENT SERVE THE PUBLIC INTEREST?**

5 **A.** Yes. Our customers have chosen to reside on Kiawah Island to enjoy life in a secluded  
6 ocean-front setting. Providing reliable and high-quality water and sewer service to an  
7 island community has significant challenges. Although KIU has made significant  
8 concessions, the settlement will permit us to meet the water and sewer needs and demands  
9 of our customers and continue to maintain and invest in our water and sewer facilities.

10 **Q. DO YOU RECOMMEND THE COMMISSION APPROVE THIS SETTLEMENT?**

11 **A.** Yes, I do. I am especially pleased that no parties object to this settlement.

12 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

13 **A.** Yes, it does.